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SUBJECT: TALK WITH KING HUSSEIN- SOVIET VISIT

1. WHEN I TALKED WITH KING AFTERNOON DECEMBER 28 HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A REPORT BACK OF HIS DELEGATIONS ACTIVITIES IN MOSCOW. HE DID SAY HOWEVER THAT HE THOUGHT THAT SOVIETS HAD MOVED QUICKLY TO EMBRACE AND SUPPORT SYRIAN AND ARAB PROPOSAL THAT UNSC TAKE UP MIDDLE EAST QUESTION JANUARY 12 IN SPITE OF PAST SOVIET PREOCCUPATION WITH GENEVA AND FACT THAT UNSC OSTENSIBLY MIGHT BE SEEN AS A COMPETING FORUM WITH GENEVA FOR CONSIDERATION MIDDLE EAST PEACE.

2. HE ALSO SAID HE THOUGHT FROM REPORTS HE HAD SEEN THAT SOVIETS HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING PLO TO RECOGNIZE THE ISRAELIS AND TO NEGOTIATE.

3. KING SAID HE HAD TOLD SOVIETS VERY CLEARLY THAT JORDAN WOULD NOT REPRESENT PLO INTERESTS IN GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. HE HAD INDICATED TO THEM THAT SINCE THEY STILL APPEARED TO FAVOR PLO ATTENDANCE AT GENEVA THE PLO WAS THE BEST QUALIFIED TO REPRESENT ITS OWN INTEREST AT ANY RESUMED GENEVA CONFERENCE. JORDAN HAD LEFT AMBIGUOUS WITH THE SOVIETS WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD

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ATTEND GENEVA.

4. FINALLY KING SAID HE HAD TOLD SOVIETS ON MIDDLE EAST
QUESTIONS IN EFFECT "DONT CALL US, WE WILL BE IN
TOUCH WITH YOU". HE SAID HE WAS TIRED OF SOVIETS
DROPPING THROUGH AMMAN TO REPEAT THE SAME OLD THESES AND
HE HOPED HE COULD REDUCE BY THE ABOVE STATEMENT THE
NUMBER OF SOVIET VISITORS.
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